

# LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **March 22, 2005, Work Session**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Proposal for Preservation of the Packet Boat, *Marshall***

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to finalize and sign, on the City's behalf, a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lynchburg Historical Foundation to facilitate the preservation of the packet boat, *Marshall*.

SUMMARY: The *Marshall*, best known for carrying Stonewall Jackson's coffin from Lynchburg to Lexington, was placed in Riverside Park and dedicated on October 13, 1936 as part of Lynchburg's Sesquicentennial Celebration. Over the past sixty-eight years, the boat has been exposed to the weather and received little maintenance. As a result the *Marshall* has severely deteriorated. Parks and Recreation staff is working in partnership with the Lynchburg Historical Foundation (LHF) to protect the packet boat from further deterioration and preserve the *Marshall* as an important piece of Lynchburg's history.

The cost for preservation of the *Marshall* and construction of a protective structure is estimated at \$100,000. Staff proposes that the City donate \$40,000 to the LHF. These funds are currently available in the capital improvement fund, appropriated in FY 05. The LHF is committed to raising the additional \$60,000 needed to complete this project. Fund raising efforts are well underway with a major fund raising event planned for April. The LHF will assume responsibility for managing the project, in coordination with Parks and Recreation staff. This allows LHF to maximize volunteer efforts and in-kind donations. The project will be completed in 2007 in time for the Jamestown celebration.

The structure design, provided by C.L. Lewis and Company, Inc. is included as an attachment. The structure is sensitive to the history of the boat in choice of materials. The structure is enclosed with decorative fencing on three sides, a solid back panel and a cedar shake roof. The solid panel will be painted in a mural type scene for purposes of historical interpretation. The packet boat will be cleaned with soda and treated with a preservative to prevent further rusting. The project will also include signage for interpretative purposes and to recognize major contributors to the project.

The LHF and staff are firmly committed to this project. With Council's approval of the project, staff will prepare a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and LHF to formalize the agreement.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: \$40,000 Capital Improvement Program, Project P0035, appropriated, FY05

CONTACT(S):

Kay Frazier, 455-5868 or Sallie Schneider, President Lynchburg Historical Foundation, 528-5353

ATTACHMENT(S):

Packet Boat Committee

Design of structure

Photos of packet boat, current condition

REVIEWED BY: lkp

## **Packet Boat Committee**

Lynchburg Historical Foundation

Marilyn Martin

Sally Schneider

Lynchburg Restoration

Randy Parr

James Laverty

Lee Kenrick

WSET

Steven Dempsey

Retired Engineer

Myles Jackson

Amherst Museum

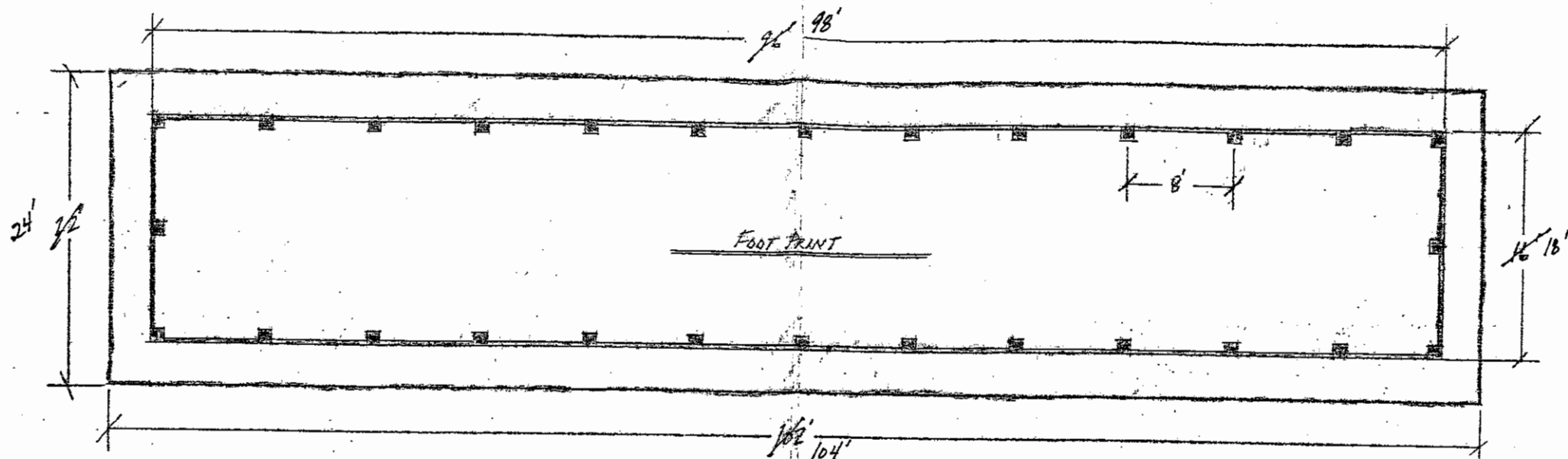
Holly Mills

Parks and Recreation

Kay Frazier

Historian

Doug MacLeod



# MARSHALL PACKET COVER

PLAN SCALE = 1/2" = 1'0"  
ELEVATION SCALE = 1/4" = 1'0"

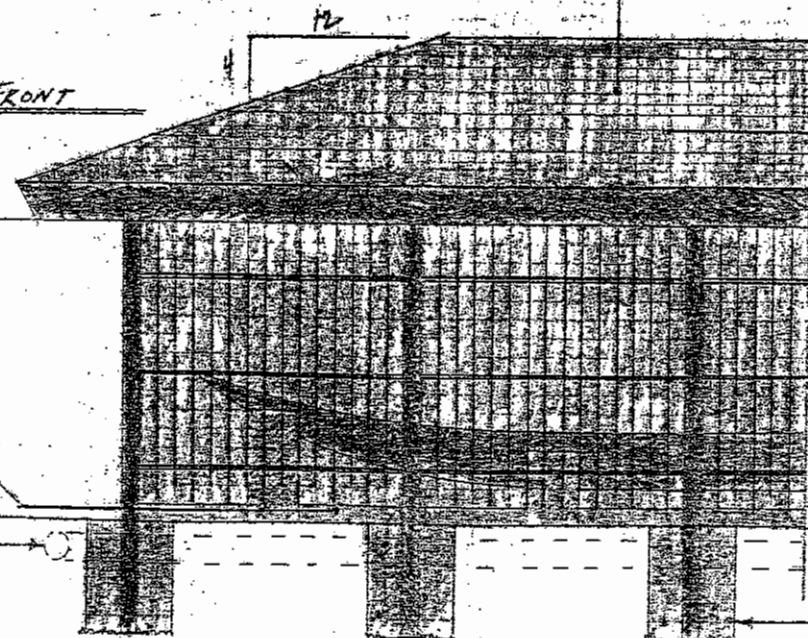
PREPARED BY C.L. LEWIS & CO., INC. FOR THE LYNCHBURG HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

PREMIUM GRADE  
CEDAR SHAKES

LEFT FRONT

#57 STONE  
ATPA 6 MIL  
ALUMINUM VIBRA  
BARRIER  
BENEATH  
EXISTING STRUCTURE  
(WHERE PRACTICAL)

CORROGATED  
DRAIN  
TILE LEADING  
TO RIVER BANK  
(3 SIDES)



ROOF STRUCTURE  
BEYOND OF  
2 X 12 WOOD  
CONSTRUCTION  
W/ 3/4" WOOD  
SHEATHING

STATIONARY  
BARRIERS  
FORM OF 12"  
BAR STOCK PICKETS

TYPICAL  
6 X 6 WOOD  
POSTS

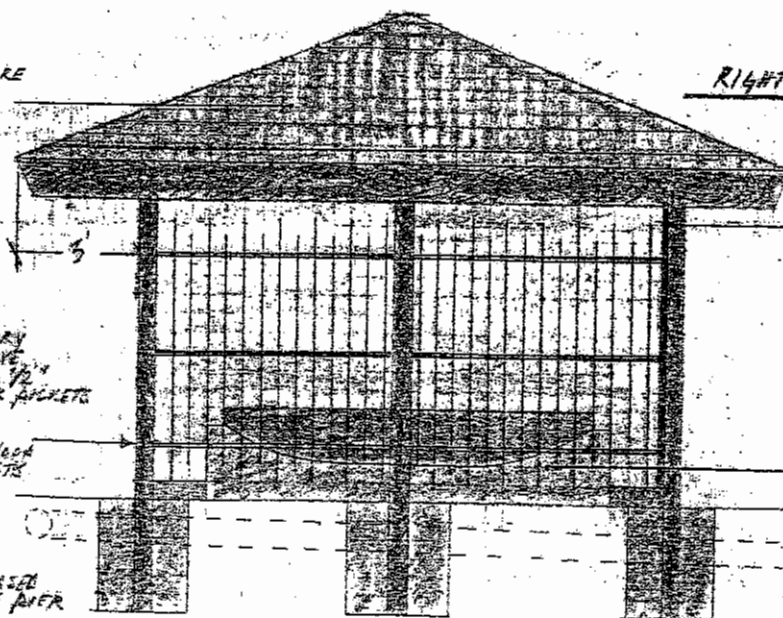
WOOD POST ENCASED  
IN 3" CONCRETE PIER

RIGHT END

RIVER SIDE  
OF STRUCTURE  
TO BE FULLY  
ENCLOSED WITH  
3/4" WOOD PANELS

EXISTING BASE  
OF MARSHALL  
PACKET BOAT

CORROGATED  
DRAIN TILE  
LEADING TO  
RIVER BANK  
(3 SIDES)



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Riverside Park- *Marshall* Packet Boat

